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## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT December 2004

### Subarea Health Planning Councils (SACs) Activities

- Hawaii** David Tarnas, Vice President of Five Mountains Hawaii, provided a thorough presentation on air medical resources in Hawaii, legislative initiatives regarding air medical services and parties playing a role in the provision, coordination and oversight of emergency aeromedical services. The SAC is considering bringing stakeholders and community organizations together to review all the resources and look at what else could be done to improve and enhance the system. They also see that non-emergency medical transports due to lack of physician availability on island must be addressed. The SAC will continue to follow-up on emergency aeromedical transport issues at upcoming meetings.
- Honolulu** Council's 2005 Objectives – Members discussed members' interests within the context of state SAC statutes. Health care for the aged and disabled – LTC, nutrition, MedQuest coverage, trends, cost-effectiveness, etc., and its link to HSAC's Certificate of Need (CON) responsibilities were mentioned most. For the January 2005 meeting, members scheduled a mock CON (LTC) review for the purpose of clarifying CONs relationship to overall health care planning and development and to provide members more direction on how they may better address the topic of health care for the aged and disabled in Hawaii.
- Kauai** HMSA has contracted with American Healthways to provide at no cost, personal consultations (over 60 RNs, clinicians, dietitians, pharmacists, other related professionals), follow-up on standards of care, educational materials and support groups, for members who have been diagnosed to have coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, diabetes, asthma – age 2 and older and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease – age 18 and older, (end stage renal disease will be added soon). Members noted that most diseases and conditions are very complex and that most patients do not understand the reasons of why/how medications, diet, etc. will improve their health. Working with MDs to gain their help to more earnestly encourage patients to understand and follow treatment recommendations (and to refer to Care Connection for assist, as needed) is a vital part of the program. Currently Kauai has over 8,000 HMSA members who qualify for Care Connection services.

- Tri-Isle** The SAC discussed behavioral health services and resources on Maui and plans to gather more information on existing resources and highest priority needs. They will invite speakers and collect information in the next few months to identify the mental health and substance abuse services on Maui and make the resources more widely known. Workforce issues, including incentive pay for call and recruitment of new providers, were discussed as issues that have to be examined as Maui's health system continues to grow. The SAC will invite speakers and potentially bring together a variety of organizations interested in the future of Maui to learn about what is being considered to address future work force issues.
- West Oahu** West Oahu SAC is continuing to pursue contacts in the Department of Education to offer a speakers bureau of health professionals to teachers who may assist in the provision of health education to their students. The West Oahu SAC will meet with the Windward Oahu SAC in January and explore issues of mutual interest to both SACs.
- Windward** Windward Oahu SAC did not meet in November.

**Research and Statistics:** Not available.

### **Certificate of Need Applications**

- #03-17 Hawaii Radiologic Associates, Ltd. for the establishment of an outpatient computed tomography (CT) services at 77-311 Sunset Drive, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, at a capital cost of \$1,125,000. Applicant has requested extension to December 31, 2004.
- #03-28 Wahiawa Hospital Association for the relocation of Wahiawa General Hospital services (excluding SNF) from 128 Lehua Street, Wahiawa, to Waipio (Tax Map Key Nos. (1)9-4-006-001 and (1)9-4-006-002), at a capital cost of \$44,756,600. Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.
- #04-13A St. Francis Medical Center-West for the establishment of a stationary MRI service at a capital cost of \$1,900,000. Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.
- #04-20 Big Island Air, Inc. for the establishment of Fixed Wing Air Ambulance service – Hawaii County at a capital cost of \$1,558,000. Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.

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- #04-21 Maui Memorial Medical Center for the renovation and expansion of the hospital at a capital cost of \$42,000,000. Approved.
- #04-22A Hilo Medical Center for the deletion of 11 medical/surgical beds at no capital cost. Incomplete. Waiting for revisions from applicant.